Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 03 Feb 2022 until 23:59 on Friday 04 Feb 2022

Forecast Issued on Thursday 03 Feb 2022 at 03:51 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for unsettled windy weather with a transition to colder, showery weather after a mild start. Some uncertainty in the timing of the milder spell with more persistent rain on Saturday.

Headline for Thursday 03 Feb 2022: Heavy rain with squally winds spreading southeast after a mainly dry morning, with severe gales over summits. Colder, clearer later.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 03 Feb 2022

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Drizzle	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Heavy snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability					
60%	30%	30%	70%	90%	20%

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Weather: Rain largely dying out with some brighter spells possible across Arran, but heavy rain spreading from the northwest during the afternoon, accompanied by severe gales over the summits. Turning colder as the rain clears with snow falling on all but the lower slopes. Clearer with wintry showers during the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Less than 10%, becoming 50% for a time around midday. Improving to 70% during the evening

Low Cloud and visibility: Clouds lifting and breaking for a time around midday with good visibilities, but deteriorating as the rain arrives with extensive hill fog above 300m. Becoming very good during the evening as the clouds clear.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	42/51 SW	40/50 SW	52/66 SW	58/75 SW	32/42 W	35/46 W	37/48 W
900	30/38 SW	31/41 SW	39/52 SW	42/57 SW	24/33 W	27/39 W	27/38 W
600	36/44 SW	37/45 SW	47/60 SW	52/66 SW	23/31 W	29/39 W	28/38 W
300	19/27 SW	20/31 SW	26/40 SW	28/44 SW	13/20 W	16/26 W	16/25 W
Glen	13/26 SW	14/29 SW	20/38 SW	22/43 SW	12/25 W	13/27 W	12/25 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	1/-7	1/-8	0/-9	0/-9	-4/-13	-6/-17	-7/-18
900	3/-4	3/-4	3/-5	3/-5	-1/-9	-3/-12	-4/-13
600	5/-1	5/-2	5/-2	5/-3	1/-6	-1/-9	-2/-10
300	7/2	7/2	7/2	7/2	3/-2	2/-4	0/-5
Glen	8/5	9/5	9/5	9/5	5/1	4/-1	3/-2
Freezing Level*	1400m	1300m	1300m	1400m	600m	300m	200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Rapid deterioration in the weather later as the cold front moves southeast across the ranges, with heavy rain and severe gales for a time over the summits before turning colder with rain turning to snow on all but the lowest slopes.

Forecast for Friday 04 Feb 2022

Weather: Some bright or sunny intervals with snow showers, heaviest and most frequent over Argyll and Lochaber, with temporary blizzard conditions at times. Showers becoming less frequent during the evening.

Maximum wind: Westerly gales 30-40 mph with gusts 50-60 mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% over Argyll and Lochaber, 50% over the Trossachs.

Low Cloud and visibility: Cloud base variable and changing rapidly in the showers, ranging from small amounts of cloud to extensive cloud down to 300 m, with whiteout conditions and blowing snow. Excellent visibility between the showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3
At 800m: Minus 4
Freezing level: 300 m

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